

Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

August 3, 2022

Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention
Elana Meriweather (Co-Chair), Medical Advocacy and Outreach
Bruce Kimble (Secretary), Alabama Department of Corrections
Carie Wimberly, Addiction Prevention Coalition
Vandlyn Pierre, Drug Education Council
Jana Kirkland, Mt. Lakes MHC
LTC Tom Warner, National Guard Task Force, Montgomery
SFC Charlotte Tarver, National Guard Task Force, Montgomery
Sam Griggs, CED MHC
Michele Moore, MHC of North Central Alabama
Candy Gaff, SpectraCare
Shai Markris, AltaPointe
Staci Wilson, South Central MHC
Nicole Shine, PRIDE of Tuscaloosa
L'Tanya Green, ADATC
Tommie Sanders, Wellstone
LaTasha Moore, ADMH
Brandon Folks, ADMH
Cedric Leonard, Compact 2020
Satavia Mann, ADMH
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House
Deegan Malone, Healthy Sexual Solutions
Beverly Johnson, ADMH

I. CALL TO ORDER: The SPAB/AEOW Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Seyram Selase, Chair.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Agenda – motioned by Bruce Kimble
Seconded by Vandlyn Pierre

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent out. Thanks to Bruce Kimble.

Minutes – motioned by Gloria Howard
Seconded by Elana Meriweather

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates from the Office of Prevention – Per Brandon Folks and Beverly Johnson, State Opioid Response Grant has been submitted on behalf of Alabama Department of Mental Health. It is

expected for the current SOR recipients to continue providing services. ADMH will also be requesting a No Cost Extension for SOR 2.0 grantees.

The National Prevention Network (NPN) conference will be held virtually in August. Looking ahead in 2023, the Office of Prevention will be calling upon providers for some assistance and some presentations at this conference. Alabama will be the host state for NPN.

New Business –Gloria Howard motioned for the current SPAB Officers to remain the same until August 2023. Seconded by Vandlyn Pierre. Seyram Selase, Elana Meriweather, and Bruce Kimble abstained from voting.

Elana Meriweather suggested the current officers identify and mentor potential officers for the next election.

Brandon Folks indicated the student surveys have increased in participation. The target population includes the 18–25-year-old age group.

V. PROVIDER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reverend Byron Jackson is the Faith Based Support Specialist Ambassador, and works on behalf of the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention. Montgomery will be the host location for the September Faith-Based Support Specialist Training Conference. More information can be located here <https://fbss.asaprev.com/>.

Carie Wimberly stated the Addiction Prevention Coalition will be hosting a back-to-school community event with prevention information to be disseminated. August 10th will be another Family Support Series webinar, September will have a Student Mental Health Rally, and in October Workplace Conference will occur.

Shai Markris stated AltaPointe “What if You Knew” podcast are now live.
<https://rss.com/podcasts/proudtobefreebaldwin/>

Vandlyn Pierre stated Drug Education Council will host “After Dopesick: A Conversation with Steve Loyd and Friends” on August 31, 2022.

Seyram Selase indicated he would like for the prevention network to develop prevention messaging that could be disseminated statewide.

Candy Gaff shared “Operation Prevention” prototype that is prevention related. It was created by SpectraCare’s prevention personnel.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING: Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:51 am.

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 2nd – 10:00 am.